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WILL YOU
COME SEE
ME OFF,
TSUBANE?



WHEN DOES
YOUR TRAIN
LEAVE?

ONE
THIRTY.

*Note: Her name means "swallow" (the bird)



I CAN'T. I
HAVE SUMMER
SCHOOL.



OKAY.

She'll be smiling
when she leaves
tomorrow.



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Stars and Swallows



I'M HOME!







Remind me,
when's your
dad coming
back?



I leave
for
Tokyo
next
month.

...why
not?

Oh, darn,
I won't get
to say hello
to him, then.



No.

You're
going on
vacation?



The
month
after
next.

Now that
Mom's ashes
have been
laid to rest,
I figure I'll
go there.

My
uncle's
gonna let me
stay with
him.

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*"Fly!  
Fly,  
now!"*

From *Crépuscule* © Susumu Yai in Japanese edition by Kikuhara Hakushu



*Clearer than the  
sky and stars...*

For a  
moment,

her voice  
echoed, all  
around.

everything  
else in the  
world lost  
all meaning.



But now  
I'm losing her.



All that mattered  
were her fingers  
and the sound of  
her voice, right  
there before me.

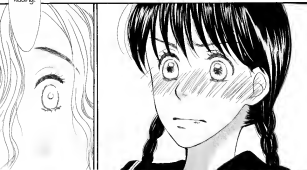




She used  
to be all  
mine... but  
not anymore.

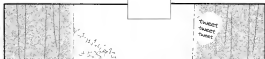


SHOON!











I'M  
GOING  
TO MISS  
HER...











Oh...



I am  
going.  
Tomorrow.

I can't seem to say  
a single kind word to  
her, and yet she's  
still all smiles.

It

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ding-dong  
ding-dong

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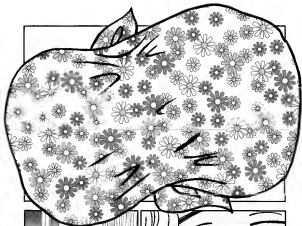
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Now departing!

cloncc

ding-dong  
ding-dong  
ding-dong











Mizuno Saori  
always has a  
smile on her  
face.





and she's smiling  
as the train carries  
her away.



**Fin.**

You say no!  
I say yes.

## Rice Cakes and Swallows





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